



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

## NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

26890

7590

07/23/2010

JAMES M. STOVER  
TERADATA CORPORATION  
2835 MIAMI VILLAGE DRIVE  
MIAMISBURG, OH 45342

EXAMINER

LEMEUX, JESSICA

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

3693

DATE MAILED: 07/23/2010

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/644,169	08/20/2003	Peter Hans Redweik	11201	5782

TITLE OF INVENTION: NET PRESENT VALUE ATTRITION FOR LIFE-TIME VALUE FINANCIAL PROCESSING IN A RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1510	\$0	\$0	\$1510	10/25/2010

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.** THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

**THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.** SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

## HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.

B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or

B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, or its equivalent, must be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted. If an equivalent of Part B is filed, a request to reapply a previously paid issue fee must be clearly made, and delays in processing may occur due to the difficulty in recognizing the paper as an equivalent of Part B.

III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.

# **PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL**

**Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to:** **Mail** **Mail Stop ISSUE FEE**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**  
**or Fax** **(571)-273-2885**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This form should be used for transmitting the ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Blocks 1 through 5 should be completed where appropriate. All further correspondence including the Patent, advance orders and notification of maintenance fees will be mailed to the current correspondence address as indicated unless corrected below or directed otherwise in Block 1, by (a) specifying a new correspondence address; and/or (b) indicating a separate "FEE ADDRESS" for maintenance fee notifications.

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (Note: Use Block 1 for any change of address)

Note: A certificate of mailing can only be used for domestic mailings of the Fee(s) Transmittal. This certificate cannot be used for any other accompanying papers. Each additional paper, such as an assignment or formal drawing, must have its own certificate of mailing or transmission.

## **Certificate of Mailing or Transmission**

I hereby certify that this Fee(s) Transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop ISSUE FEE address above, or being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO (571) 273-2885, on the date indicated below.

(Depositor's name)
(Signature)
(Date)

26890 7590 07/23/2010

**JAMES M. STOVER**  
**TERADATA CORPORATION**  
**2835 MIAMI VILLAGE DRIVE**  
**MIAMISBURG, OH 45342**

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------	------------------

10/644,169 08/20/2003 Peter Hans Redweik 11201 5782

**TITLE OF INVENTION: NET PRESENT VALUE ATTRITION FOR LIFE-TIME VALUE FINANCIAL PROCESSING IN A RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1510	\$0	\$0	\$1510	10/25/2010

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
LEMIEUX, JESSICA	3693	705-036000

1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

- ☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.  
☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a **Customer Number** is required.

2. For printing on the patent front page, list

- (1) the names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively, 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) the name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed. 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_

3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document has been filed for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY AND STATE OR COUNTRY)

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. The following fee(s) are submitted:

- ☐ Issue Fee  
☐ Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)  
☐ Advance Order - # of Copies \_\_\_\_\_

4b. Payment of Fee(s): (Please first reapply any previously paid issue fee shown above)

- ☐ A check is enclosed.  
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  
☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ (enclose an extra copy of this form).

5. **Change in Entity Status** (from status indicated above)

- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

**NOTE:** The Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if required) will not be accepted from anyone other than the applicant; a registered attorney or agent; or the assignee or other party in interest as shown by the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.311. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------	------------------

10/644,169

08/20/2003

Peter Hans Redweik

11201

5782

26890

7590

07/23/2010

JAMES M. STOVER  
TERADATA CORPORATION  
2835 MIAMI VILLAGE DRIVE  
MIAMISBURG, OH 45342

EXAMINER

LEMIEUX, JESSICA

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

3693

DATE MAILED: 07/23/2010

## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1091 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1091 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/644,169

**Examiner**

JESSICA L. LEMIEUX

**Applicant(s)**

REDWEIK, PETER HANS

**Art Unit**

3693

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/28/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-9, 11-19, 21-27, 29-37, 39-45 and 47-54.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/Stefanos Karmis/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3693

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-19, 21-27, 29-37, 39-45 and 47-54 are allowed.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art the examiner has been able to locate are US Patent Number 7,082,411 to Johnson et al., US Patent Number 5,852,811 to Atkins, US Patent Application Number US2004/0039688 to Sulkowski et al. and US Patent Number 5,963,939 to McCann et al.

Johnson discloses retrieving individual asset data from a database based on a given criteria, performing an NPV calculation and then grouping and using the valuations in a sealed bid auction. Atkins discloses a personal financial program incorporating means of implementing, coordinating, supervising, planning, analyzing and reporting upon investments in an array of asset accounts and liability accounts within a client account. Sulkowski discloses how its LTV framework estimates the future value of credit accounts. McCann discloses data base objects that can be used independently and in parallel, wherein one set of database objects is used to store data, another set of database objects obtain solutions as well as installation and implementation instructions, and still another set of database objects examines the data stored in the first set of database objects and asks the user questions as necessary to fill in any necessary but missing data.

While Johnson, Atkins, Sulkowski and McCann are similar to the instant application in many respects, there are clear patentable distinctions. Unlike the prior

art, the present invention teaches a selector function that uses selection criteria specified by rules to select accounts, amounts, and rates from a database used to perform Net Present Value calculations by applying attrition rates to the accounts to determine a present value of an expected profitability value of current products. Further, the Net Present Value involves matching attrition rules against the accounts, which are further matched to forecast rules, calculating an effective attrition rate for each forecast period and using the effective attrition rate to calculate the Net Present Value expected value.

3. The following is a formal statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because the best prior art of record alone or in combination, neither discloses nor fairly suggests the limitations: A method of performing financial processing, comprising:

a) selecting, in one or more computers, accounts, amounts and rates from account data stored in a database using selection criteria specified by one or more rules; and

(b) performing, in the one or more computers, one or more Net Present Value (NPV) calculations on the selected accounts by applying one or more NPV forecast rules to the selected accounts and applying one or more NPV attrition rules to results of the NPV forecast rules using the selected amounts and rates, wherein the NPV calculations determine a present value of an expected profitability value of current products;

(c) wherein applying the NPV attrition rules comprises matching the NPV attrition rule against the selected accounts, matching the matched accounts to the results of the NPV forecast rules, obtaining an attrition rate for the matched accounts, calculating an effective attrition rate for each of one or more forecast periods, performing the NPV attrition rule to calculate an NPV expected value using the effective attrition rate, and storing the NPV expected value in the database; and

(d) wherein the NPV attrition rule is selected from a plurality of methods comprising Constant (no compounding), Constant (with compounding), Additive (no compounding), Additive (with compounding), Manual (no compounding), Manual (with compounding), Constant and Negative Compounding methods.

Claims 3-9, 11-18 are also allowable for the same reasons discussed above by virtue of their dependence on allowed claim 1.

Claim 19 is allowed because the best prior art of record alone or in combination, neither discloses nor fairly suggests the limitations: A system for performing financial processing, comprising:

one or more computers;

logic, performed by the one or more computers, for:

(a) selecting accounts, amounts and rates from account data stored in a database using selection criteria specified by one or more rules; and

(b) performing one or more Net Present Value (NPV) calculations on the selected accounts by applying one or more NPV forecast rules to the selected accounts and applying one or more NPV attrition rules to results of the NPV forecast rules using the selected amounts and rates, wherein the NPV calculations determine a present value of an expected profitability value of current products;

(c) wherein applying the NPV attrition rules to the selected accounts comprises matching the NPV attrition rule against the selected accounts, [[for]] matching the matched accounts to the results of the NPV forecast rules, [[for]] obtaining an attrition rate for the matched accounts, [[for]] calculating an effective attrition rate for each of one or more forecast periods, [[for]] performing the NPV attrition rule to calculate an NPV expected value using the effective attrition rate, and [[for]] storing the NPV expected value in the database; and

(d) wherein the NPV attrition rule is selected from a plurality of methods comprising Constant (no compounding), Constant (with compounding), Additive

(no compounding), Additive (with compounding), Manual (no compounding), Manual (with compounding), Constant and Negative Compounding methods.

Claims 21-27, 29-36 are also allowable for the same reasons discussed above by virtue of their dependence on allowed claim 19.

Claim 37 is allowed because the best prior art of record alone or in combination, neither discloses nor fairly suggests the limitations: An article of manufacture comprising a storage device embodying instructions that, when read and executed by one or more computers, results in the one or more computers performing a method of financial processing, comprising:

(a) selecting, in the one or more computers, accounts, amounts and rates from account data stored in a database using selection criteria specified by one or more rules; and

(b) performing, in the one or more computers, one or more Net Present Value (NPV) calculations on the selected accounts by applying one or more NPV forecast rules to the selected accounts and applying one or more NPV attrition rules to results of the NPV forecast rules using the selected amounts and rates, wherein the NPV calculations determine a present value of an expected profitability value of current products;

(c) wherein applying the NPV attrition rules comprises matching the NPV attrition rule against the selected accounts, matching the matched accounts to the results of the NPV forecast rules, obtaining an attrition rate for the matched accounts, calculating an effective attrition rate for each of one or more forecast periods, performing the NPV attrition rule to calculate an NPV expected value using the effective attrition rate, and storing the NPV expected value in the database; and

(d) wherein the NPV attrition rule is selected from a plurality of methods comprising Constant (no compounding), Constant (with compounding), Additive (no compounding), Additive (with compounding), Manual (no compounding), Manual (with compounding), Constant and Negative Compounding methods.



Claims 39-45 and 47-54 are also allowable for the same reasons discussed above by virtue of their dependence on allowed claim 37.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JESSICA L. LEMIEUX whose telephone number is (571)270-3445. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Kramer can be reached on 571-272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

Jessica L Lemieux  
Examiner  
Art Unit 3693

/J. L. L./  
Examiner, Art Unit 3693  
July 2010

/Stefanos Karmis/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3693